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(References to page and line numbers of the Substitute of June 9, 199'7)

At the end of proposed section 1852(d) (page 26, after line 19) insert the following:

1	"(4) DETERMINATION OF HOSPITAL LENGTH
2	OF ST-Y
3	"(A) Is GENERAL.—A MedicarePlus orga-
4	nization shall ensure that the length of an inpa-
5	tient hospital stay under this part shall be de-
6	termined by the attending physician and the pa-
7	tient to be medically appropriate.
8	"(B) Construction.—Nothing in this
9	paragraph shall be construed-
10	"(i) as requiring the provision of inpa-
11	tient coverage if the attending physician
12	and patient determine that a shorter pe-
13	riod of hospital stay is medically appro-
14	priate, or
15	"(ii) as affecting the application of
16	deductibles and coinsurance.

Insert after section 4743 (page), the following new section: